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Atty. Dkt. No. 016906-0397

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Holger AUCHTER et al.  
Title: CLAMP FOR FASTENING AND CONNECTING TUBES  
Appl. No.: 10/538,884  
International Filing Date: 11/14/2003  
371(c) Date: 6/14/2005  
Examiner: David BOCHNA  
Art Unit: 3679  
Confirmation No. 8845

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

☐ Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

☒ The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	17	-	20	=	0	x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	2	-	3	=	0	x	\$210.00	=	\$0.00

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First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$370.00 = \$0.00

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CLAIMS FEE TOTAL = \$0.00

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☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$460.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,050.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,640.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,230.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$130.00	\$0.00
CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
Extension Fees Previously Paid:		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:		\$0.00

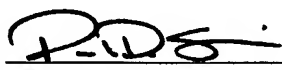
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If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 9, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: